

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 3, 2006. Currently, Claims 38-44 and 54 are pending after the Office Action. Claim 54 stands rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,867,815 to Kondo et al. Claims 38-44 and 54 stand rejected under 35 USC §112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 38-44 are also rejected under 35 USC §112 as being vague and indefinite. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Turning to the rejections under §112, the Examiner's comments and remarks are well taken. As such, the term "feedback corrector" has been amended throughout the claims. In particular, the term "feedback corrector" has been replaced with the term "corrector circuit", which applicants believe more accurately describes the functionality of Figure 12. As correctly noted by the Examiner, there is no "feedback" in the present claimed invention, rather merely correction of the ratio between the primary signal and the residual audio signal. With this amendment, applicants respectfully submit that claims 38-44 and 54 now satisfy the requirements of 35 USC §112.

Claim 54 has been cancelled and thus the rejection under Section 102 is now moot. Claims 55-57 have been added and are method claims analogous to certain of the system claims. It is submitted that these claims are allowable as well.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Applicant has included payment by EFT Account No. SEA1PIRM of \$1,020 to cover the fee for the Petition for Extension of Time. Should there exist any deficiency in fees due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 320528016US2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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